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# FUMCHS News

*A Monthly Newsletter Highlighting Events at our Church!*




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## From Pastor Susie

**A familiar story tells of a grandfather teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he tells the boy. "It is a terrible fight between two wolves. One represents anger, envy, bitterness, greed, resentment, pride, and lies. The other represents joy, peace, love, hope, kindness, humility, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.**

**The same fight is going on inside you—and inside every other person, too." The grandson thinks for a moment and asks, "Which wolf will win?" His grandfather replies, "The one you feed."**

**As we enter the Thanksgiving season, this story reminds me to consider what nourishes our hearts. Christ invites us to His table, offering nourishment that leads to eternal life with Him. In Revelation 3:20, Jesus invites the church in Laodicea to open**

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the door so that He may come in and share a meal with them. Even after confronting their spiritual indifference, He offers them a way to return to Him. His invitation is both a call to repentance and an expression of love. Christ continues to invite us into a renewed relationship with Him.

The grandfather's answer offers a simple reminder: what we feed shapes how we live. As we prepare to gather around our Thanksgiving tables, let us also reflect on what we are feeding our souls:

- What am I taking into my heart and mind each day?
- How are these influences shaping my thoughts, words, and actions?
- What fruit is growing in my life, and does it reflect the love of Christ?

My prayer for each of you is that you will nourish your soul with what is good, allowing Christ's love to take deeper root as bitterness, fear, and resentment lose their hold. May your Thanksgiving be filled with gratitude—not only for the blessings around your table, but also for all that Jesus Christ is and does for us and for the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Susie




# November Birthdays

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| Florence | Dominic |
| Judith | Pat |
| Clifford | Kiersten |
| Tatyanna | Nicole Vie |
| Virginia | Madison Maree |
| Kara | Elizabeth |
| Kalyn Elle | Kennedy |
| Deborah | Cade Lee |
| Hunter | Declan |
| Patricia | Kaysea |
| Donald | Olivia |
| Marie | Easton |
| Sarah | Liliana |
| Jeffrey | Evelyn |
| | Indianna (Indie) |
| | Josie |



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# Family Ministry

## November and December 2026

*Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' Matthew 19:14*

### Children's Church



**Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Sign in at the Welcome Desk. After the Children's Message, kids head to Children's Church for Bible stories and lessons, then return to their families in the Sanctuary.

### Homework Hour and Hangout



**Every Wednesday, 3:30 to 7:00 pm, in the Youth Building.**

Homework and study time first, then ping pong, games, and TV. Snacks provided. Drop in any time; parent sign-in and sign-out required.

**Dates:** Nov. 4, 11, 18 and Dec. 2, 9, 16.

### Parents Night Out



**Fridays, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, for children ages 3 to 11.**

Games, crafts, supper, songs and stories while parents enjoy a night off. Pre-registered children only. $10 donation per child.

- **Fri, Nov. 20** — Parents Night Out
- **Fri, Dec. 4** — Parents Night Out
- **Fri, Dec. 18** — Parents Night Out: Christmas Shopping Night

### Children's Christmas Program



Kids will rehearse during Children's Church in December. Date coming soon!

### Coming in January



Family Game Night, outdoor adventures (hiking, biking, and canoeing), and a Children's Garden.



**Bring a friend!**

**Every child is welcome.**

**To register or ask questions, contact Ashley Capps, Director of Family Ministries, 239-245-4586**

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*All plans are subject to change. Check www.fumchs.org for updates.*

## Julie's Corner

# Two Roads, Not a Divide

## *Boundaries, Discernment & Love*

*Philippians 1:9–10*



As I pass my two-year mark working here at First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound, I've been thinking about how much I've learned, how much I've grown, and how much I still have to learn.

Three pastors in two years! And let me tell you, working in a church has more facets than I ever imagined. One day it's calendars, phone calls, and paperwork. The next it's laughter, tears, prayer requests, or something nobody saw coming. Sometimes it's all of that before lunch!

But through every change, every challenge, and every new season, one thing has remained the same.

***Love.***

Love for this church. Love for the people who walk through these doors. And the love of Christ that holds us together, even when we don't see things the same way.

God has also been teaching me about two things that weren't even part of my vocabulary when I started here: boundaries and discernment.

I've learned that boundaries aren't about shutting people out. They're about recognizing what is mine to carry and what isn't.

And discernment? That's learning to listen, to pay attention, and to seek God's direction rather than reacting to everything happening around me.

They're two different roads. Sometimes they meet, sometimes they don't. But neither one has to become a dividing line between us.

I can have boundaries and still love you. I can exercise discernment and still show you grace. We can disagree, learn from one another, and still walk together in Christ.

Because love doesn't mean we always get it right. It means we keep showing up, keep learning, keep forgiving, and keep choosing one another.

Sometimes that love starts with me. Sometimes it starts with you. But somebody has to start.

These two years have taught me more than how to do a job. They've taught me more about people, about myself, and about the many ways God works through all of us.

I'm grateful for the lessons, even the uncomfortable ones. I'm grateful for the growth. And most of all, I'm grateful that God placed me here among all of you.

I'm happy to be here. I'm happy to be growing alongside you.

***And I love you.***

*With love,*

*Julie*




Thank You to Our Shoppers & Volunteers!

October was a wonderful month at Shoppers Paradise! Our Halloween and fall treasures were a big hit, and we are so thankful for everyone who stopped by to shop and support us.

November brings a season of gratitude and the return of our snowbird friends! It's always a joy to welcome back familiar faces, both our shoppers and our wonderful volunteers.

To all our volunteers, THANK YOU! Your time, dedication, and cheerful hearts are what make Shoppers Paradise such a special place. We couldn't do it without you!

🦃 **Thanksgiving Holiday Hours**

**The thrift shop will be closed Wednesday, November 25, and Thursday, November 26, in observance of Thanksgiving.**

As we count our blessings this season, please know that each of you is among them. Wishing everyone a beautiful and blessed Thanksgiving!

With gratitude,
Vicki

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# November 2026
# WEEKLY EVENTS

## DAILY
Alcoholics Anonymous
5:30–6:30 PM

## SUNDAY
Light for the Way • 9:00–9:45 AM
Worship • 10:00–11:00 AM
Sunday Kids • 10:10–11:00 AM

## TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
Shopper's Paradise Thrift Store
10:00 AM–1:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY
Coffee with God • 8:30–9:30 AM
Midweek Bible Study • 10:45 AM–12:00 PM
Praise Team • 7:00–8:30 PM

## THURSDAY
Pastor's Bible Study • 10:00–11:00 AM
Spirit Rising • 6:30–7:30 PM
*No Spirit Rising on Thanksgiving Day, November 26.*

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# November 2026

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**Friday, November 6**
RTD Food Distribution • 7:30–8:30 AM

**Sunday, November 8**
Covered Dish • 11:30 AM–12:30 PM
Charge Conference • 4:00–6:00 PM

**Friday, November 13**
Christmas Bazaar • 5:00–7:00 PM

**Saturday, November 14**
Christmas Bazaar • 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

**Sunday, November 15**
Clatter Collection • 10:00–11:00 AM
Christmas Bazaar • 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

**Thursday, November 19**
Church Council • 7:00–8:00 PM

**Friday, November 20**
RTD Food Distribution • 7:30–8:30 AM
Parents Night Out • 5:00–8:00 PM

**Sunday, November 22**
One Blood • 9:00 AM–12:30 PM

**Thursday, November 26**
Happy Thanksgiving

**Saturday, November 28**
Hanging of the Greens • 9:00–10:30 AM
Singles Night Out at Sailor's Return
4:00–6:00 PM

**Sunday, November 29**
Coffee and Fellowship • 9:00–10:00 AM

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# Our Church Needs YOU!

## A Message from Your Finance Committee

***A thriving church doesn't happen by accident. It happens when people show up!***

**We've all heard the saying, "Money doesn't grow on trees." Well, neither do volunteers!**

Unlike organizations with large corporate sponsors matching donations, our church depends on the generosity, time, talents, and commitment of people just like you.

**Financial giving keeps our ministries going, but willing hands and loving hearts help bring those ministries to life.**

***Right now, we have four opportunities to make a difference.***

1. **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR | NOVEMBER 13–15**
   A few hours of your time can help make this important fundraiser a success. Help us welcome our neighbors, support our church, and make this event something special. ***Your answer? "Count me in!"***

2. **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE**
   Ms. Ashley is bringing exciting opportunities to our children and families. But meaningful ministry takes helping hands. When the call for volunteers comes, be someone who says, ***"You bet I'll help!"***

3. **SHOPPER'S PARADISE THRIFT STORE | THREE HOURS THAT MATTER**
   Our thrift store is a vital part of our church's mission. Church members can volunteer as cashiers weekly or as needed. All it takes is about three hours, a friendly smile, some simple math, and a willingness to serve. ***No special degree required, just a servant's heart!***

4. **WHAT'S YOUR GIFT?**
   Can you organize? Build? Cook? Greet? Teach? Plan? Every person has something to offer. Let our pastor or one of our committees know what you're good at and how you'd like to help.

## The Bottom Line...

We can talk about church growth, ministry, and reaching our community all day long. But the real differentes happens when each of us takes part.

***Don't wait for someone else to step up. Be the someone.***

**Your financial gifts matter. Your time matters. Your talents matter. And YOU matter to this church.**

Thank you for everything you've already done and for everything we can accomplish together.

***With gratitude, Your Finance Committee***

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***Belong, Believe, Become***

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## Pastor Susie's Sermon Plans

*Join us in worship each Sunday at* ***10:00 AM,*** *where we stand at the foot of the cross and hear Jesus speak to us.*

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| Nov 1 | Matthew 5:1-12<br>Living Large with a Pure Heart |
| Nov 8 | Revelation 2:2-5<br>Danger of Drifting (Rev. Rainer) |
| Nov 15 | Matthew 25:14-30<br>Trust, Not Fear |
| Nov 22 | Pastor Rad Orlandi (TBD) |
| Nov 29 | Mark 13:24-37<br>Be Aware, Keep Alert |